

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Peter Veytsman (Reg. No. 45,920) on March 30, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- MH 5/18/06 In claim 1, line 24, "is capable of" has been changed to --, when operating, is--,
MH 5/18/06 In claim 1, line 26, "capable of" has been changed to --, the converting
mechanism, when operating, is--.

The above changes to the claims have been made to exclude optional language from the claims.

Reasons for allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant invention is deemed to be directed to an unobvious improvement to a hydraulic tool over U.S. Patent No. 5,272,811 which teaches a hydraulic tool 1 comprising: an electric motor 7 having a grip resembling a pistol grip; a main casing having a back end connected to the electric motor 7, and internally provided with a